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Dr. Jeff Koeings Director, WDFW 600 Capital Way North Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Jeff,

This letter is to express my appreciation for the excellent job your entire staff performed during the North of Falcon/Pacific Fishery Management Council process.

The leadership shown by Phil Anderson, Rich Lincoln, and Pat Patillo, along with their supporting staff was very professional and sincere.

The recently completed planning process, as always, had its high and lows. The hard work, improved communication and openness went a long way toward smoothing out the rough spots. The constituent participation was positive and very meaningful.

In particular, interaction between the State and tribal governments, was dramatically improved. I feel everyone worked well together and all user groups came away with pride of ownership. Collectively, we have met our conservation objectives, and have provided meaningful fishing opportunities.

A sincere thank you to all the WDFW staff for a job well done!

Larry Carpenter

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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cc: All Members

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